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SUBJ: PLO REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES POLITICAL RALLY

1. ON FEBRUARY 15, ADNAN ADEL, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBO, ADDRESSED A JANATHA VIMUKTHI PERAMUNA (JVP) RALLY OF ABOUT 2000 CONVENED TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTIAN REVOLUTION AND TO DENOUNCE THE US PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.
2. ADEL REPORTEDLY SHOUTED "LONG LIVE THE CEYLONESE REVOLUTION* LONG LIVE THE JVP* LONG LIVE THE PLO* LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY AMONT REVOLUTIONARIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD* HE SAID THAT REVOLUTIONARIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE SHOWN THEIR SOLIDARITY TO THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND THAT THE PLO MUST RECIPROCATATE BY EXTENDING ITS FRATERNAL SUPPORT TO REVOLUTIONARIES ACROSS THE GLOBE. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE DENIED THAT SUCH SUPPORT INCLUDED TRAINING OF MEN INVOLVED IN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ADEL DENOUNCED THE US FOR ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE PALESTINE REVOLUTION AND CONDEMNED THE US POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

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3. THE CHIEF JVP SPEAKER IN ADDITION TO COMMENTING ON THE PALESTINE ISSUE AND MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ALSO DENOUNCED THE US PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, MAINTAINING THAT DIEGO GARCIA WILL BE A GREAT THREAT TO ASIAN NATIONS IN THE FUTURE.
4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN INSTANCE OF A FOREIGNER ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST HAILING THE CEYLONESE REVOLUTION AND

ADDRESSING A POLITICAL PARTY RALLY. WE WILL BE WATCHING FOR
THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION.
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